ABSTRACT

A cell death inhibitor, a pharmaceutical or a preservative for organs, tissues or cells, a comprising, as an active ingredient, an indolylmaleimide derivative represented by the following formula (I), which is useful for inhibiting death of cells, the drug being expected as a preventive or a remedy for the progress of various diseases wherein cell death participates in progress and exacerbation thereof:

$$R^{3} \xrightarrow{\stackrel{R^{1}}{\stackrel{N}{\stackrel{N}{\longrightarrow}}} O} R^{4}$$

$$(I)$$